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1. Development and construction of A-4 projectiles are taking place at Sverdlovsk (Urals). The apparatus of the measuring instrument unit (Messgerätekwerk) and all plans for experimental work on control problems are under the direction of Prof. Chvostikov. Control apparatus constructed by the German firm of Telefunken and also by the firm of Löwe of Leipzig (transmitters, flash beacons, and direction-finding receivers) has been sent to Sverdlovsk. Employees of the latter firm, who were deported in August 1946, have written uncensored letters stating that they are working at Sverdlovsk. Balloons now being tested by the Russians in connection with firing trials reach a height of 35 kms., against the height of 20-25 kms. attained by German balloons. The code name "Volna" ("wave") is used for experiments with captured German equipment.

2. A Russian named Tikhov, who is a colleague of Prof. Chvostikov, is endeavoring to recruit German specialists for work at Sverdlovsk. He is said to be in the Russian Zone of Germany at present. Tikhov is said to be an expert and to speak very good German. He is very interested in Prof. Dr. Kohlhörster and his colleagues and wishes to know where they are. He is also interested in experiments with high altitude radiation.

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